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- 1. ALTHOUGH HEAD OF MFA VISA SECTION CLAIMS THERE ARE NO RPT NO VISA RESTRICTIONS, EMBASSY AND CONSTITUENT POSTS HAVE RECEIVED MANY COMPLAINTS FROM AMCIT RESIDENTS, INCLUDING PIT EMPLOYEE AT USLO AND BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILLIAN CORPS OF ENGINEERS PERSONNEL, THAT MFA HAS REFUSED PERMISSION FOR VISAS TO PARENTS AND TO COLLEGE AGE CHILDREN.
- 2. PERSONNEL MANAGER OF SAUDI PARSONS COMPANY TOLD US 22 MAY THAT COMPANY'S HOME OFFICE SENT TELEX REPORTING SAUDI CONSULATE IN NEW YORK INFORMED THEM THERE WOULD BE NO VISAS FOR DEPENDENTS OVER 16 YEARS OLD.
- 3. CONSUL GENERAL HAS APPOINTMENT FOR 27 MAY AT MFA TO DISCUSS THESE CONTRADICTIONS AND ENQUIRE ABOUT SPECIFIC CASES WE KNOW WERE REFUSED. COULD DEPT. MAKE DIRECT REQUEST OF SAUDI EMBASSY AND ITS NEW YORK CONSULATE TO LEARN WHAT THEIR INSTRUCTIONS ARE?

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4. RE ENTRY OF UNACCOMPANIED FEMALES, MFA ASSURES US THERE IS NO RESTRICTIONS ON THEIR ENTRY AND WE DO NOT KNOW OF ANY INSTANCES WHEN SUCH A TRAVELLER HAS BEEN REFUSED ENTRY. HOWEVER, RECENTLY ONE SINGLE GIRL CAUSED MINOR FLAP AT JIDDA PORT IMMIGRATION OFFICE WHEN SHE ARRIVED ON AN AMERICAN YACHT WITH TWO MEN, NEITHER OF WHOM WAS HER FATHER OR BROTHER. THAT IS FROWNED ON.

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